

26-26. Penalty for violations.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this subtitle shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in the discretion of the court. Except that the penalty for violation of Secs. 26-19 and 26-22 of this Article shall be as provided for therein, and not as provided herein.

ABSENTEE VOTING**27-1. Who may vote.**

The following persons may vote as an absentee voter under this subtitle:

- (a) Any qualified voter who may be unavoidably absent from the State of Maryland for any reason on any election day;
- (b) Any qualified voter who as a condition of his employment may be required to be absent a distance of greater than seventy-five (75) miles from his place of residence on any election day; and
- (c) Any qualified voter who is a full-time and regular student in a bona fide school, college, hospital or similar institution and who is unavoidably absent from the county or Baltimore City where he is registered to vote on any election day; and
- (d) Any qualified person as defined in Section 27-2 of this Article.

27-2. Voting by ill, disabled persons.

(a) Any qualified voter whose physical disability confines him to a hospital or causes him to be confined to bed and prevents or will prevent him from being present and personally voting at the polls on any election day shall also be entitled to vote as an absentee voter under this subtitle. Such voter shall make application for an absentee ballot as provided in Section 27-4 of this Article and in addition shall obtain a certificate from a duly licensed physician of this State. The certificate shall state that the voter is mentally competent to vote in elections in this State, and that because of illness or injury which confines him to a hospital or causes him to be confined to bed, the voter is now, or will be, prevented from voting personally at the election. The certificate shall be received and filed, together with the application, in the office of the board of supervisors of elections not later than ten (10) days prior to any election. Thereafter the board shall mail to the voter entitled thereto an absentee ballot. In all other respects, absentee voting as provided for in this section shall be similar to and controlled by the applicable procedure provided by law for absentee voting.

(b) Any otherwise qualified voter who is blind, physically disabled or who has impaired vision and is for one of these reasons unable to mark his absentee ballot and sign the required oath, may be assisted in voting by any person selected by the voter. Any person rendering assistance pursuant to this subsection shall execute the certification set forth in Section 27-8(h) of this Article.

27-3. Elections in which absentee voters may vote.

This subtitle applies to elections for all candidates, constitutional amendments and other questions at any election held in any year,